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Washington, D.C. 20231

NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Chris D. Tanton

For (title): MODULAR AUTOMATION APPARATUS

1. **Type of Application**

This transmittal is for an original (nonprovisional) application.

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**2. Papers Enclosed**

**A.** Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. 1.153 (Design) Application

12 Page(s) of Specification

5 Page(s) of Claims

6 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)-Informal

**B.** Other Papers Enclosed

1 Page(s) of Abstract

**3. Additional Papers Enclosed**

Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. 1.98)

Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

Citations

**4. Declaration or Oath**

Enclosed. Executed by the Inventors.

Application is made by a person authorized under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.41(c) on behalf of the above-named inventors.

**5. Language**

English

**6. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. 1.16)**

Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 CFR 1.16(a)
Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c))	30	- 20 =	10 x	\$18.00	\$180.00
Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b))	3	- 3 =	0 x	\$80.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+	\$0.00	\$0.00
Filing Fee Calculation					\$920.00

**7. Small Entity Statement(s)**

Applicant is a small entity.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of above) \$460.00

**8. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time**

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35 U.S.C. 112(b)(2)(B)(i)

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not** be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

Date: 12/17/01

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